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SUBJECT: TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED TEXT OF MFA NOTICES ON PRC TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS POUCH BY USLO JULY 26. OUR READING IS THAT IN FORMAL TERMS PRC PERMITS TRAVEL TO TIENTSIN, SHANGHAI, NANKING, HANGCHOW, WUHAN, CANTON AND (DURING JUNE-SEPTEMBER) PEITAIHO ON BASIS OF 48-HOUR "NOTIFICATION" RATHER THAN "REQUEST FOR PERMISSION." HOWEVER, THE APRIL 13, 1966 MFA PROTOCOL OFFICE NOTE (66-467) WOULD SEEM TO RENDER THIS FORMAL LOOSENESS NULL AND VOID, MAKING "NOTIFICATION" AND "REQUEST FOR PERMISSION" INDISTINGUISHABLE IN PRACTICE.

2. IF THERE IS IN FACT A GENUINE "NOTIFICATION" PROCEDURE FOR CERTAIN TRAVEL, WE MAY WANT TO INCORPORATE A SIMILAR PROVISION IN OUR TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ON PRCLO AND THE PRC UN MISSION.

3. PLEASE CONFIRM ASAP MANNER IN WHICH PRC TRAVEL REGULATIONS ARE ENFORCED, SINCE WE ARE PREPARING FORMAL PROCEDURES FOR USE HERE. ROGERS

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